AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Presently Amended) A compound of the formula IV:

$$K^1$$
 $(CH_2)_n$
 R^2
 $(CH_2)_4$
 $O-W$
 IV

wherein:

n is an integer ranging from 1 to 4;

 K^1 is selected from the group consisting of $-CH_2OH$, -C(O)OH, -CHO, $-C(O)OR^5$, $-OC(O)R^5$, $-SO_3H$,

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 R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of $(C_1_C_6)$ alkyl, $(C_2_C_6)$ alkenyl, $(C_2_C_6)$ alkynyl, phenyl, and benzyl; or R^1 , R^2 , and the carbon to which they are attached are taken together to form a $(C_3_C_7)$ cycloalkyl group; or R^3 , R^4 , and the carbon to which they are attached are taken together to form a $(C_3_C_7)$ cycloalkyl group; or R^4 , R^2 , and the carbon to which they are attached are taken together to form a $(C_3_C_7)$ cycloalkyl group and R^3 , R^4 , and the carbon to which they are attached are taken together to form a $(C_3_C_7)$ cycloalkyl group, with the proviso that none neither of R^1 , or R^2 , R^3 , or R^4 is $-(CH_2)_0_4C$ $\equiv CH$;

 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of $(C_1_C_6)$ alkyl, $(C_2_C_6)$ alkenyl, $(C_2_C_6)$ alkynyl, phenyl, and benzyl;

each R^6 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, $(C_{1-}C_6)$ alkyl, $(C_{2-}C_6)$ alkenyl, and $(C_{2-}C_6)$ alkynyl;

 R^7 is selected from the group consisting of H, $(C_1_C_6)$ alkyl, $(C_2_C_6)$ alkenyl, and $(C_2_C_6)$ alkynyl; and

W is selected from the group consisting of H and a hydroxy protecting group.

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